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H. WATANABE et al

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K. L. Ellis

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identfied application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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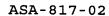
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows.